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Wyoming Department of Health Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Division

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Means Matter Suicide Prevention Program

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division (the Division) is looking into the possibility of offering the *Means Matter* suicide prevention program to clinicians practicing in the state of Wyoming.

The *Means Matter* program is a suicide prevention program that seeks to reduce the incidence of suicide death by firearms, which is the most prevalent means of suicide in Wyoming. This program teaches clinicians how to talk to persons at risk and their families about voluntarily restricting immediate access to firearms, without seeking to infringe on Second Amendment issues. This is an evidence-based program developed by the Harvard School of Public Health.

The Division would like to offer a train-the-trainer type of workshop to Wyoming mental health practitioners, provided there is enough interest to justify the cost. If you are interested in this workshop, please send an e-mail to Keith Hotle, Suicide Prevention Program Leader, at keith.hotle@health.wyo.gov along with any feedback and/or comments.



Thank you for your courtesies.

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